

Please create original sentences for each of the following words, underlining the word in your sentence.

1. **monomyth** (n.) One story common to all cultures and peoples. *The story of a Great Flood is a monomyth.*
2. **monotheism** (n.) The belief in only one god. *Most Western cultures are monotheistic.*
3. **patriarchal** (adj.) Dominated by a male figure or authority. *The man ran a severely patriarchal household, not allowing his wife or children to utter a word.*
4. **penitence** (n.) Regret for wrongdoings. *By showing penitence you show you've learned from your mistakes.*
5. **pestilence** (n.) A plague or disease. *The Red Cross prepared to respond to the pestilence, amassing supplies and readying shelters.*
6. **polytheism** (n.) The worship of or belief in more than one god. *The Greeks were polytheistic, worshipping many gods and goddesses.*
7. **precipice** (n.) An overhanging or extremely steep mass of rock; a cliff. *The boy hung precariously from the precipice until rescuers could save him.*
8. **reconcile** (v.) To restore to harmony; to resolve or settle. *The couple was unable to reconcile their differences and decided instead to divorce.*
9. **reticence** (n.) The state or quality of being reserved or reluctant. *Displaying reticence is hardly his style; he is outspoken and animated.*
10. **servile** (adj.) Submissive or slavish. *Your servile nature is unbecoming; stand up for yourself and you'll gain some respect.*
11. **soliloquize** (v.) To utter a soliloquy; to talk to oneself. *The recluse spent his days and nights soliloquizing in a frenzied state.*
12. **impertinence** (n.) The quality or state of being improperly bold or forward; insolence. *Impertinence was the reason for the man's firing; despite frequent warnings he had continued to treat his coworkers with disrespect and arrogance.*
13. **misanthrope** (n.) One who hates or mistrusts humankind. *Heathcliff in Wuthering Heights is a quintessential misanthrope, frequently heading off to the moors to brood.*

14. **compel** (tr. v.) 1. To force, drive, or constrain. 2. To necessitate by pressure or by force. *The judge compelled the convict to apologize to the victim's family.*
15. **degradation** (n.) 1. The act or process of reducing in grade, rank, or status. 2. The state of being degraded; degeneration. 3. A decline to a lower condition, quality, or level. *After a severe bout with mental illness, the former college professor descended into a state of degradation.*
16. Greek Root: **-CRACY**: "government" *aristocracy, autocracy, bureaucracy, democracy, plutocracy, technocracy*
17. Latin Root: **ANIM**: "mind," "will," "spirit" *animosity, animus, equanimity, magnanimous, unanimity, unanimous*